



Knowing Christ... Making Christ Known



June 14, 2020

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OUR MISSION -

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Visiting today? Welcome!

June 14, 2020

Notes for Today's Services

**We hope that you will be able to join
with us in worship through the live streaming
on the website templelutheran.org**

OFFERING - *During today's service we cannot collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to transform lives as we come to know Christ, and make Christ known throughout Havertown and the world. Please mail checks to the church.*

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue. Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple during this time. Contact our Financial Secretary at finsecretary@templelutheran.org for information or the form to do this.

TODAY'S READINGS

ROMANS 7:14-21

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Geoff Bailey, Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Marion Crawford, Noah Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forges-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, Todd Gasper, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Jason Luther, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

Bishop's Letter on Black Lives Matter Protests



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June 9, 2020

Dear Beloved,

The question has been posed, “Is the bishop going to respond to the horrific death of Mr. George Floyd?” “What is the bishop’s response to the protesting, the rioting and looting throughout the city of Philadelphia?”

I do have a response, and it is not unlike that of Rachel: “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more.” (Jeremiah 31:15)

I cried. I thought about “the talk” with my two sons, and my daily concern for 6 brothers and 4 grandsons. I cried more. I had no words, frustrated by over 400 years of senseless killing of Black men and women due to systemic racism. If I spoke, it would have been a reaction, leading to the false narrative of the “angry Black woman.” Even now I risk that every word I offer will be scrutinized and measured.



I have prayed through the pain, searched the scriptures for wisdom, and looked for words to help me to put pen to paper to send a clarion message in this time of pandemic and pandemonium unleashed by sequential deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arberry, Breonna Taylor and Dreajon (Sean) Reed. These deaths were caused by systemic racism and White supremacy that has gone unaddressed for too long. What does this African American woman, who happens to be a bishop, have to say?

In the past week we have witnessed an expression of righteous indignation and opportunists creating havoc, which I strongly condemn. Yes, in cities across the country, protests have broken out and some have turned violent. Praise God, in many cases these protests were peaceful. Thank you, the Holy Spirit is always at work, and my response is one of gratitude.

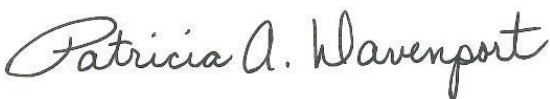
I am so Godly proud of our rostered ministers and lay leaders who have raised their voices and taken to the streets, posted on social media condemning White supremacy, racism and the murder of Black and Brown people. I have witnessed our pastors and deacons leading the protest decrying the hunting, profiling and killings that have happen recently reflecting hundreds of years of unanswered lynching, imprisonments and deaths of people of color.

Hold fast, St. Paul tells us: *“No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; God will never let you be pushed past your limit; God will always be there to help you come through it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

Beloved, keep the faith. We will get through the pandemic and the pandemonium as we do what is required of us as disciples, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. Our God, who loved each of us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God’s only son, who gave us this command above all the rest: Love. Love God; love and serve our neighbors.

My response beloved, bottom line, is well done is better than well said! SEPA Synod, let’s go to work dismantling racism, speaking against White supremacy, changing one heart at a time. We can truly do more together than we can alone in the name of Jesus!

Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Davenport". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport, Bishop



Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the musicians – Sarah Foss, Will Hulcher, Florrie Marks, Amanda Quillen and Mark Wallace, for the audio-visual tech man – Kyle

Barger, for the creative children’s activities – Juli Pierdomenico and Pastor Tim.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BE PART OF SUNDAY WORSHIP!

We are looking for families and singles, young and old, mission partner or not to help with our Sunday Worship.

Readers: record the reading (including gospel reading).

Prayers of the People: take the Prayers of the People from Sundays and Seasons, revise, and then record them.

How Are You Movies: Make a short movie answering **“How are you keeping faith alive in your home?”**

We will be sending all the pieces to Kyle, who will make a miracle happen and put together the live-stream service.

Please let Janet know what you would like to do and when.



VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below!

BlueJeans link: <https://upenn.bluejeans.com/8427000424>

DONATING TO TEMPLE

While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue.

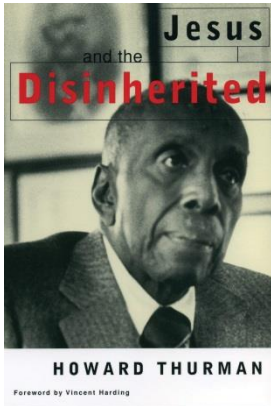
There are now many ways you can now donate to TLC

- Mail a check to the church office
 - Authorize payment through your bank
 - Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hallowell
- Questions? Contact Nancy Hallowell
- Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below.



FOOD PANTRY

Check the website <https://tlcfoodpantry.com>
Needed: Paper products (towels, tissues, toilet paper), cereal (preferably in boxes not bags).



BOOK CLUB

The next book for TLC's bookclub will be "Jesus and the Disinherited, By Howard Thurman". The book has been considered as “the centerpiece of the Black prophet-mystic’s lifelong attempt to bring the harrowing beauty of the African-American experience into deep engagement with what he called ‘the religion of Jesus.’ Ultimately his goal was to offer this humanizing combination as the basis for an

emancipatory way of being, moving toward a fundamentally unchained life that is available to all the women and men everywhere who hunger and thirst for righteousness, especially those ‘who stand with their backs against the wall.’”
—Vincent Harding, from the Foreword

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/204177/jesus-and-the-disinherited-by-howard-thurman/>

Please join us on Monday July 6th at 8pm, for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join!

For details and how to connect to the video-conference, please contact Despina Kontos at despina.kontos@gmail.com



School Supplies Needed Help Fill the Backpacks

The good news is we are continuing the Backpack/School Supply Drive we have done for several years. Even if the start of school gets delayed, the need for backpacks and school supplies will be greater than ever. The filled backpacks are given to Chester Eastside, Inc. and the after-school program at Christ Lutheran, Upper Darby for distribution.

We need your help to fill the backpacks!

This year we have several ways to contribute:

- ❖ Drop off donated school supplies in the collection box found outside the glass doors, next to the Food Pantry tub.
- ❖ Make a monetary contribution to this effort. 100% of funds collected will be used to purchase school supplies to fill the backpacks. Contributions can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is serving as Treasurer of this effort.
- ❖ Make a monetary donation to Temple, clearly marked for “School Supplies”.
- ❖ Use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assemble the backpacks.

Links to Wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/175Backpacks>



Or

The collection will continue until August 2nd. A list of suggested school supplies follows.

Questions: Contact the office.

Let's see if we can make this a huge collection. Jeanne Pocock used to organize the collection every year. Thanks for your continued support.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST

Please give extra consideration to Middle & High School students as you purchase supplies.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

- Planner
- Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- No. 2 pencils
- Mechanical pencils
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Index cards (ruled & unruled)
- Pens
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Mini-stapler
- 1", 3 ring binders
- Binder dividers
- Loose leaf paper
- Post-it Notes
- 1 subject notebooks
- 3 or 5 subject spiral notebooks
- Folders
- Book covers/jackets

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Plastic pencil box
- Pocket tissue packs
- Composition books
- Crayons (12 or 24 count box)
- Washable markers (8 count box)
- Glue (8 ounce bottle)
- Glue sticks
- Large pink erasers
- Pencils
- Pocket folders
- Safety scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- Ruler





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HOSTS for HOSPITALS

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Hosts for Hospitals is reaching out to our community to help meet an urgent and growing need. At this time of the Coronavirus, a large number of patients with critical medical situations still must travel to town for non-elective, out-patient care: families with sick children; adult and pediatric oncology patients; pregnant moms with medical complications are among those who do not have a lodging option.

Most importantly, the Ronald McDonald Houses are no longer accepting new families, and the Hope Family Lodge for cancer patients closed March 27, with 30-plus patients who were at this facility being forced to leave.

For 20 years the Greater Philadelphia non-profit HOSTS for HOSPITALS has provided lodging and support at volunteer Host-homes for patients and their families who travel here for specialized medical care. HOSTS for HOSPITALS now asks that anyone with a private, furnished lodging setting contact them to potentially help patient-families in need: homes, apartments, AirBnBs, in-law suites or other spaces that adhere to social distancing. If you know of such a resource please contact Executive Director, Mike Aichenbaum at 484-380-2999, or lodging@hostsforhospitals.org. (HostsforHospitals.org)



CALENDAR

Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership.

Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Pat Keaveney
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Children, Youth & Family Minister	Julianna Pierdomenico
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Office Administrator	Janet Bruss
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sunday Nursery Staff	Shelly Davis
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